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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, General Sciences Division, OSI

ATTENTION:

THRU: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID(NPIC)

SUBJECT: Search for Possible AE Associated Installation Near Teryayevo, USSR

REFERENCES: Requirement No. C-SI3-80,491
CIA Project No. C 1162-63

1. An analysis was made of available photography of a walled installation located 0.8 nautical miles (nm) NW of Teryayevo (56-10N 36-07E) for evidence of a possible test site for ion propulsion engines.

2. As reported in NPIC Cable P250059Z, examination of GX photography proves the installation existed in essentially its present state at that time. This installation is believed to be the Joseph-Volokolamsk Monastery, as determined by a ground photograph found on page 85 of Pamiatnye Mesta Moskovskoy Oblasti (Memorable Sites in Moscow Oblast), Moscow, 1956, and on page 266 of the 1960 edition of the same book. This photo correlates nicely with available aerial photography of the site. A reproduction of this photo will be forwarded at a later date.

3. Collateral sources indicate the monastery dates back to the 15th and 16th century, and that it is now a museum, regularly listed in sightseeing guidebooks. No major structural changes either within the walled monastery or the area of activity within the woods to the south (also present on 1943 photography) were noted. The only security observed in the area is the fortified wall surrounding the monastery which reportedly dates back to the 16th century.

4. No pumping facilities were observed near the lake, nor are there any railroad tracks and/or sidings at the monastery or in the town of Teryayevo. The large tank reported by FTD within the enclosures apparently is one of the three churches reported to be within the enclosure.

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5. Photography and maps utilized in work performed on this project are as follows:

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Maps

USATC Series 200, 0154-22HL, 2nd ed., March 1963, scale 1:200,000.

6. The photo analyst on this project is [redacted] He may be contacted on extension [redacted] should you have further questions regarding the requirement.

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7. This memorandum and enclosures are sent in partial response to the referenced requirement. An additional photo will be forwarded at a later date.

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Enclosures:

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Joseph - Volokolamsk Monastery

near

Teryayevo (5610 N, 3607 E)

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